

WELCOME

Klondike III Wind Project Interconnection

OPEN HOUSE MEETING



Meeting Agenda

6 - 6:15 p.m.

Welcome & Open House

Review information at tables, ask questions of BPA staff

6:15 – 6:45 p.m.

Overview Presentation

Project manager will speak and answer common questions

7 - 8:30 p.m.

Open House

Opportunity to review information and ask specific questions



How to Participate

- Speak with BPA staff who will explain the proposal and answer your questions.
- Ask for more information on specific topics at the different stations.
- Provide your comments and ideas so they can be addressed.
- Ask to be put on the mailing list to stay informed.



Proposed Schedule

Public Meeting	April 27, 2005
Public Comment	Comments due May 13, 2005
Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) Available	Summer 2005
Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) Available	Winter 2005
Record of Decision	Winter 2005
Construction Start	Spring 2006
Construction Complete	Fall 2006



BPA Project Purpose

- BPA is responding to a request to interconnect power from proposed wind development to the Federal Columbia River Transmission System.
- BPA is required to provide non-discriminatory access to BPA's transmission system to all existing and proposed generation projects.
- A generator wishing to interconnect to BPA's transmission system must:
 - Pay for all interconnection studies and required interconnection facilities; and,
 - Contractually agree to comply with BPA standards to ensure reliable operation of the BPA power system.



BPA Project Description

- BPA would need to build and operate:
 - A new substation near the existing Klondike Schoolhouse Substation.
 - A new substation near BPA's existing John Day Substation.
 - A new 230-kilovolt transmission line connecting the two new substations mentioned above.
- BPA is proposing four alternatives for the path of the transmission line including a No Action Alternative.



Land and Realty

- BPA works with landowners on transmission line projects and can answer any BPA land questions that you may have.
- BPA realty staff is here to answer any questions you may have about this project.



Environmental Considerations

- BPA will develop an Environmental Impact Statement after studying the environmental impacts of the project including:
 - Land use
 - Public services and transportation
 - Noise, public safety and health
 - Socioeconomics
 - Recreational features
 - Visual character of area
 - Water resources, streams and wetlands
 - Fish and wildlife habitat
 - Cultural resources
 - Geology and soils
 - Air quality



How to Comment After the Meeting

Write: Bonneville Power Administration
Communications Office – DM-7
P.O. Box 14428
Portland, OR 97293-4428

Online: <http://www.bpa.gov/comment/>

E-mail: comment@bpa.gov

Call: 1-888-276-7790

Fax: 503-230-3285

Last day to comment: May 13, 2005

***Please reference “Klondike III Wind
Project Interconnection” in all
communications.***

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Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 491
Vancouver, Washington 98666-0491

TRANSMISSION BUSINESS LINE

April 12, 2005

In reply refer to: Klondike III Wind Project Interconnection

To: People interested in BPA's Proposed Interconnection of the Klondike III Wind Project

Bonneville Power Administration has been asked by PPM Energy, Inc. to interconnect 300 megawatts of electricity generated from the proposed Klondike III Wind Project to the Federal Columbia River Transmission System. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that based on feedback received at the March 1, 2005 public meeting and throughout the comment period, BPA has developed new alternatives for the proposed 230-kilovolt BPA transmission line route that would interconnect the Klondike III wind project and other proposed wind projects in the area. BPA has also extended the comment period to May 13, 2005.

Public Meeting

BPA representatives will be available to discuss and answer any questions you may have about the proposed transmission line alternatives (described below) at a public meeting on:

Wednesday, April 27, 2005

6 - 8:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Parish Hall

807 Barnett Street

Wasco, OR 97065

Proposed Transmission Line Alternatives

The three new proposed transmission line alternatives replace previously proposed alternatives. They are described below and are shown on the enclosed map for your review.

- **North Alternative (green):** This new alternative was developed in response to public comments including the expressed need to minimize the number of transmission lines built in the area. This route runs northwest from the Klondike Substation; due north from the intersection with Old Wasco-Heppner Highway; then northwest along Herrin Road to the John Day Substation.
- **Middle Alternative (blue):** The original alternatives in this area were modified to minimize farmland impacts by moving the transmission line to the corners and edges of property lines, to the extent possible. This route runs northwest from the Klondike Substation; due north to Medler Road; west along Medler Road; then north and west and north again along property lines to the John Day Substation.
- **South Alternative (yellow):** The original south alternative was modified by moving the east to west portion of the route approximately one-half mile further south to run along existing property lines and minimize farmland and residential impacts. This route runs due south from the Klondike Substation; then due west and parallel to Klondike Road; intersecting with an existing BPA right-of-way; then north, adjacent to the existing right-of-way to the John Day Substation.
- **No Action Alternative:** BPA would not build the transmission line and would not interconnect the Klondike III wind project or other wind projects proposed in the area.

BPA will evaluate the environmental impacts of each of these alternatives. The analysis will be included in the draft Environmental Impact Statement (draft EIS), which should be available for public review and comment in the summer of 2005. BPA will include information that is available on other wind developments in the area in the draft EIS. If BPA decides to interconnect the wind project, construction on the proposed BPA transmission line and BPA substations could begin as early as March 2006.

Based on input received at the March 1, 2005 public meeting and during the comment period, the five original alternatives listed below have been dropped from consideration.

- Alternative A: Northwest from the Klondike Substation; across a field to Klondike Road; north along Klondike Road; west along Medler Road; then northwest to the John Day Substation.
- Alternative B: This alternative ran northwest from the Klondike Substation; across a field to Klondike Road; north along Klondike Road, west along Medler Road; due west across China Hollow to the existing BPA right-of-way; then north, adjacent to the existing right-of-way to the John Day Substation.
- Alternative C: This alternative ran northwest from the Klondike Substation to the west end of Medler Road, then northwest to the John Day Substation.
- Alternative D: This alternative ran northwest from the Klondike Substation to the west end of Medler Road; due west across China Hollow to the existing BPA right-of-way; then north, adjacent to the existing right-of-way to the John Day Substation.
- Alternative E: West along Klondike Road passing south of the city of Wasco to the existing BPA right-of-way; then north, adjacent to the existing right-of-way to the John Day Substation.

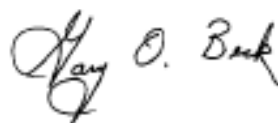
How to Comment

BPA has extended the comment period on BPA's proposal to interconnect the proposed Klondike III Wind Project to May 13, 2005. There are a number of ways to comment. You can mail the enclosed comment form to BPA Communications – DM-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR 97293-4428, fax them to 503-230-3285, send an e-mail to comment@bpa.gov or submit them on line at <http://www.bpa.gov/comment/>. Please include the name of this project with your comments.

For More Information

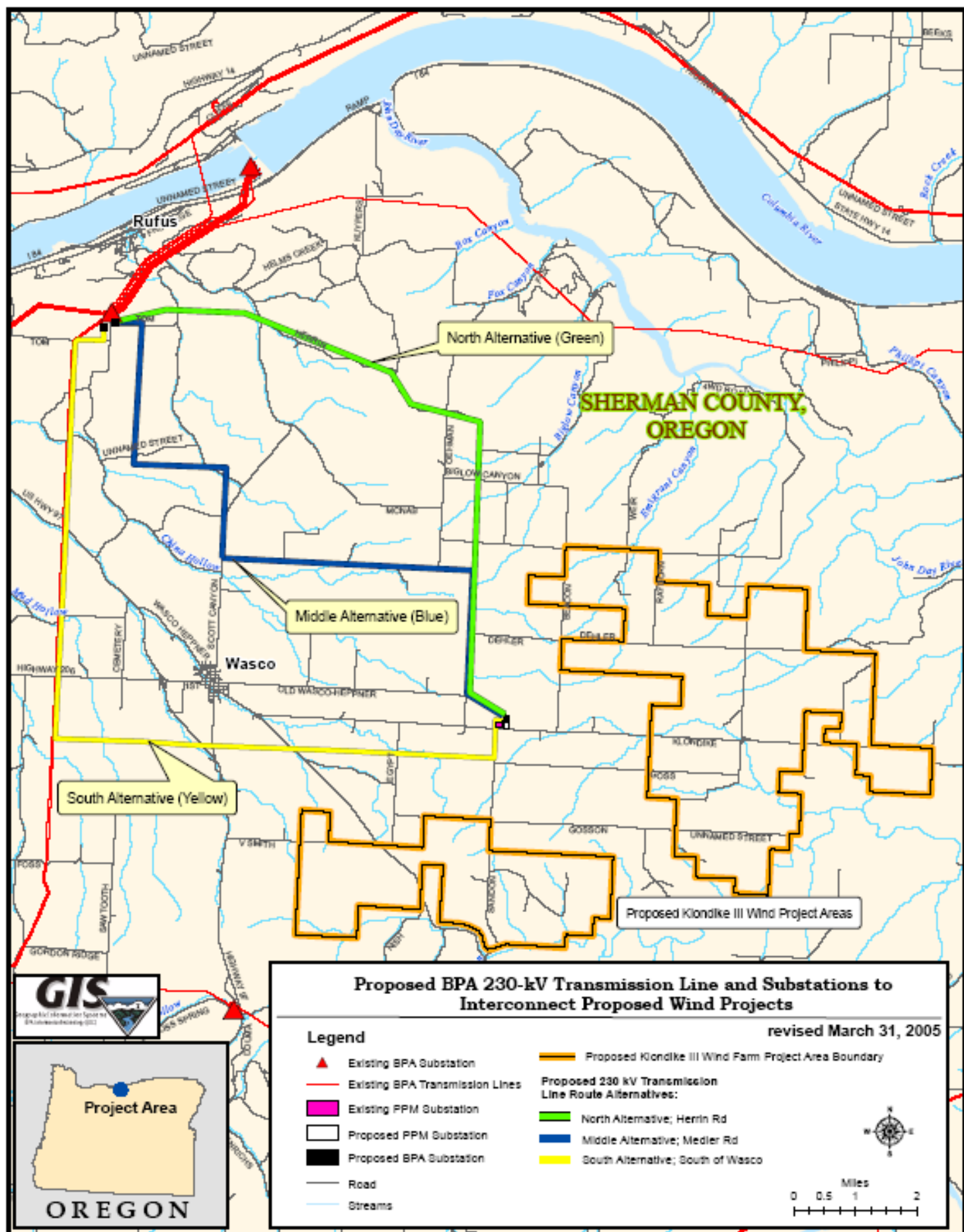
If you have questions or would like more information about the project or would like to receive a CD or hardcopy of the draft EIS, please call us toll-free at 1-888-276-7790. Additional information is posted on line at <http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Wind/>. BPA is committed to providing reliable, low-cost transmission products and services to the region while minimizing environmental impacts and demonstrating regional accountability.

Sincerely,



Gary Beck
Project Manager

Enclosures:
Project Area Map – Updated April 12, 2005
Comment Form



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"I'd like to tell you . . ."

1. Please have your environmental studies look at:

2. I need more information about:

3. I have these other comments:

Please put me on your project mailing list. (You are already on the mailing list, if you have received mailed notices.)

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Please mail your comments by May 13, 2005 to:
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